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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

[FIRE CREWS TACKLE PRYOR MOUNTAINS BLAZE; 300-PLUS ACRES BURNED](#)

By THE GAZETTE STAFF

Aerial crews on Thursday conducted their second day of attacks on blaze burning in the Pryor Mountains on the Crow Indian Reservation.

The lightning-caused Lost Creek fire has burned about 313 acres on a mountain top about four miles east of Pryor Mountain, said Jack Conner, of Billings Interagency Dispatch.

[LEADERSHIP SKILLS SHARED AT FIRST ANNUAL MANPOWER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE](#)

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter
Wednesday, August 8, 2007 10:30 AM MDT



"We're teaching all the kids about leadership with classes," said Blackfeet Manpower's Youth Leadership Council Chair

Aubrey Ground Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory. Surrounding her were the other members of the Council, and beyond them tents on the lawn and about 115 young adults from Blackfeet Country.

[BLACKFEET PO'KA PROJECT AWARDED GOLD RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENCE](#)

By GLACIER REPORTER STAFF
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The Blackfeet Systems of Care Po'Ka Project was nationally recognized for achievement in communications at the 2007 Excellence in Community Communications and Outreach (ECCO) Recognition Program, which took place on Aug. 3 New Orleans. The ECCO Recognition Program highlights communications achievements that promote children's mental health, and the Blackfeet Po'Ka Project was awarded a Gold Recognition, placing first in the Community Outreach: Parents & Caregiver category.

[JOCKO LAKES BLAZE PROMPTS EMERGENCY DECLARATION](#)

Tribal fire officials concerned about Chippy Creek Fire
By MAGGIE PLUMMER, Char-Koosta News



This is what the Chippy Creek Fire looked like from the Lonepine story parking lot, early this week. The red trailer in the lower right is the information trailer officials set up for area residents. (photo by Devlin LaFrombois) On Sunday, a state of emergency was declared in Montana due to wildfires, including the 18,000-acre Jocko Lakes Fire that started Friday high up in the far southeastern corner of the Flathead Reservation. The wildfire blew up Saturday and made a direct leap

southeast to within a mile of Seeley Lake and Placid Lake, where at least 200 homes were evacuated.

[MUSIC MAKER: GARY SMALL & THE COYOTE BROTHERS:](#)

By NATIVE AMERICA CALLING

[Gary Small](#) of the Northern Cheyenne tribe returns with a new band and a new CD. After performing many years with the "Gary Small Band" out of Portland, Oregon, he moved home to Wyoming to take care of his ailing father. He remained in Wyoming after his father's passing and then established his new band "Gary Small and the Coyote Brothers." Small says his former band had a roots, rock and reggae sound while his new band is vintage 50s and 60s resembling "Chuck Berry meeting the surf." Join us as we present Gary Small and his latest CD "Crazy Woman Mountain."



[MONTANA BUSINESS CHALLENGES RULES LIMITING SCATTERING OF REMAINS](#)

By SUSAN GALLAGHER, Independent Record

HELENA, Mont. - Frances Coover's business, Ladies in White, lays to rest cremated remains in forests, mountains or meadows on public lands.

With more Americans opting for cremation, Coover knew the business, which she started earlier this year, would fill a need.

But after performing the service for her first paying client, at a place she won't disclose, Coover found herself at odds with the federal government...

In a written answer to Coover's appeal, the BLM said this spring that several American Indian tribes had concerns "since cremation is not part of Native American traditional beliefs, and the spreading of human remains on public lands could conflict with Native American use of the public lands for traditional spiritual practices."

James Steele Jr., chairman of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Montana, praised the decision.

"We find it reassuring to know that a federal agency has shown the appropriate level of concern for activities that could greatly impact the land from a tribal point of view," Steele said in a statement.

Tribal spokesman Rob McDonald said individuals scattering remains "is a concern, but what can we do?"

[COMMUNITY SNEAKS PEEK INSIDE NEW TWO RIVERS DETENTION CENTER](#)

By WES EBEN, Big Horn County News



Photo by Jim Eshleman

Two Rivers Authority spokesman, James Klessens, explains to members of the Big Horn County News Staff the layout of a two-man cell pod inside the Two Rivers Detention Center.

Two Rivers Detention Center, the new 464-bed medium security facility located on the North end of Hardin just beyond and to the East of Big Horn IGA, is built to much higher than medium security specifications. The community was invited to tour the facility yesterday and find out for themselves just what that means. In case the tour and the question and answer session afterwards was missed by any interested persons, the following description will help to fill in the blanks.

The facility will house inmates convicted primarily of misdemeanors and or who are sentenced to a specific treatment program. At times it will also house prisoners who are in transit between a court appearance and prison or who have been arrested, convicted and are waiting for an opening in a prison to serve their time.

FUTURE STORIES: 18 YEAR OLD NORTHERN CHEYENNE TO TRY OUT FOR 2008 OLYMPIC TEAM